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Possible resignation of Secretary General Lie--According to the US Representative on the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) in Geneva, UN Secretary General Lie recently told Gunnar Myrdal, ECE Executive Secretary, that he was contemplating offering his resignation at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly. According to the informant, Lie is depressed by what he regards as the decline in UN influence and by progress toward the Atlantic Pact. The informant believes that Lie's decision was not a firm one, but reflected "a mood of the moment."

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that although Lie is seriously concerned over the decline in UN prestige, he will probably not offer his resignation at this time.)

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